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For:

METHOD FOR STIRRING LIQUID

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the following section on page 3 for the original section with the same heading:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figures 1(A), (B), (C), (D), (E) and (F) are diagrams illustrating an embodiment of the method for stirring a liquid according to the present invention.

REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this clarifying Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification is changed at page 3 as follows:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING DRAWINGS

Fig. Figures 1(A), (B), (C), (D), (E) and (F) is a diagram are diagrams illustrating an embodiment of the method for stirring a liquid according to the present invention.